

2014-15 ECEAP Full School Day and Extended Day ECEAP Eligibility FAQs

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1. When will the on-line eligibility training be available?

DEL is working on this. We anticipate it will be available in late August.

2. Will contractors be able to make their own internal policies of who qualifies for Extended Day ECEAP based on hours of work/school?

No, there are ECEAP and subsidy requirements that Contractors must follow. After a child's application is entered in ELMS, ELMS will display which ECEAP models each child is eligible for.

3. For the ECEAP and subsidy blended funds, what information is required or needed from families to determine eligibility?

The same information is needed for all ECEAP child applications. The new questions for 2014-15, including questions to determine eligibility for Full School Day and Extended Day ECEAP models, are in the [Supplemental ECEAP Application 2014](#).

4. How will I know whether a child is eligible for Full School Day or Extended Day ECEAP?

All children will use the same application in ELMS, regardless of model they are applying for. Priority Points will be calculated in the same manner for all children. At the end of the application process, ELMS displays the ECEAP models the child is eligible for. You will need to complete the Supplemental Application in ELMS for children whose applications were completed in ELMS before July 23, 2014, before ELMS will display the models the child is eligible for.

5. How many hours must a child attend to be eligible for the Extended Day model? Can they still qualify if they attend less days but longer hours for an average of hours?

The Extended Day model must be open at least 10 hours a day, five days a week. Individual children must be scheduled to attend more than 6 hours per day at least 4 days a week. If the child cannot attend this amount, staff should assist the family in enrolling in a different model of ECEAP or Head Start.

6. How many work hours does it take to meet the Extended Day requirement?

- a. In single parent families, the parent must be employed, in a formal training program, approved for CPS child care, in an approved WorkFirst activity, in related travel, or in a combination of these activities a minimum of 25 hours per week.
- b. In two-parent families, the parents must be employed, in a formal training program, approved for CPS child care, in an approved WorkFirst activity, in related travel, or in a combination of these activities a minimum of 55 hours per week.

The parents' work or training hours do NOT have to match the hours of preschool.

7. How will families in the Full School Day model meet subsidy requirements?

Families will meet subsidy requirements by participating in a menu of ECEAP activities: employment, formal job training, CPS child care, an approved WorkFirst activity, or documented parent engagement in ECEAP such as:

- a. Setting and working toward family goals which may include education, job training or employment goals.
- b. Participating in family support visits; receiving resources and referrals which may include education, training or job search services.
- c. DEL-approved parent training to increase executive functioning for employment purposes.
- d. ESL & GED classes

These activities are documented in the ELMS Child Application or Supplemental Application and/or in the ECEAP Child/Family Updates/Family tab.

8. We would like clarification on ECEAP and subsidy eligibility. Specifically, if a family wants to enroll in a 6-hour Full School Day model, are one or both of the parents required to work or be in school? Or is the Full School Day model also being treated like the Part Day model wherein the parents do not necessarily have to work?

Families who are eligible for Part Day ECEAP are also eligible for the Full School Day model. If the parents are not working, in school, covered by CPS child care or in an approved WorkFirst activity, they must participate in parent engagement activities described in question #7 above.

9. How do I count weekly work hours for parents who work seasonally (such as school employees or farm laborers)?

Enter the number of hours per week that the family will usually need child care during the time of the year the child will be in ECEAP.

10. What are the requirements of a parent in school to be eligible for an ECEAP slot?

For Extended Day ECEAP, the parent must be enrolled in high school, college or a formal job training program. See the hours requirements in question #6 above.

11. Does a mom homeschooling her two older children qualify for having her preschool child in ECEAP? Does this constitute work?

No, this is not work according to **WAC 170-290-0003 Definitions:**

"Employment" or "work" means engaging in any legal, income generating activity that is taxable under the United States Tax Code or that would be taxable with or without a treaty between an Indian Nation and the United States.

This situation does not qualify the child for Extended Day ECEAP, but the child may be eligible for Part Day or Full School Day ECEAP.

- 12. Since an ECEAP-eligible child is eligible until kindergarten, any thought of allowing this automatic eligibility to apply to children who were Head Start enrolled as three year olds in a center, if that center is transforming to be an ECEAP site?**

No, a new ECEAP application is necessary when a Head Start child is to be enrolled in ECEAP.